

that this revenue already amounted to enough to pay a fair interest on their investment, and not half of the land had been taken up, on account of the canals not being finished. Then, why couldn't the national government create an irrigation commission, as they have a river and harbor, as they have a forestry commission. If private corporations can realize on their investments, how far-reaching would be Uncle Sam's investments, who feels elated at his 2 per cent income.

The matter is one which seriously affects our territory, but millions will have to be set aside to give us relief.

J. B. GIRAND.

THE MOQUI SNAKE DANCE.

It is Booked This Year for Saturday, August 24th.

The Moqui snake dance is announced for August 24, and many inquiries are being received by the Santa Fe railway concerning methods of visiting the region. Last year 100 tourists were present at the dance, and it is expected that the number will be much larger this summer. The department of the interior requires all visitors to hold a permit. The nearest railway stations to the Moqui villages are seventy-five miles across the desert, and the journey is made by wagon, requiring four days, in addition to the time spent at the dance. Round trips, ranging from ten days to eight weeks, and including many strange sights, are announced by the Santa Fe passenger department.

The snake dance is a prayer for rain. It continues for nine days. The public performance, in which live rattlesnakes are handled, occurs on the last day of the ceremony. The Moqui reservation covers 4,000 square miles in Arizona, and is inhabited by 2,000 Indians, who are grouped in seven villages. As there are no hotels among the Moquis, travelers are obliged to move with a complete camping outfit, providing themselves with food.

A well-known lecturer of New York has organized a party of eastern people to visit the Moqui villages this summer, taking in two snake dances and the flute dance. The party will travel in wagons, and will camp several times on the rim of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. A number of women are enrolled in the party.

The Moqui villages are located in a desert known as the Painted des-

ert, on account of the ancient paintings on the rocks. It is one of the most desolate districts in the world, with little water, a dead level of hot sand and no mountains to relieve the monotony. The villages of these strange people are located at the top of high rocks, where they were built long ago, as a protection against enemies.

The strange habits and customs of the Moqui have been the subject of many articles which are of the opinion that the race is dying, as the number inhabiting the villages is much less than when white men first visited the country. Notwithstanding the constant battle in sustaining life in this thirsty desert, the Moqui can not be persuaded to leave their old homes for promising fields in other localities. No advance has been noticeable in the people, and the customs of their fathers have been religiously maintained. It is claimed by the Santa Fe road that interest in these peculiar people is greater than ever before.—New Mexican.

Notice to Teachers.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ., Aug. 12, 1901.

An examination for teachers' territorial certificates will be held at the public school building in Flagstaff, Coconino county, on Monday and Tuesday, September 2 and 3, 1901. Daily session each day from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 1 to 4 p. m.

N. G. LAYTON,
County Superintendent.

NOTICE.

All persons holding warrants on the county, signed by A. W. Kinsey, Road Overseer, can file same with the clerk of the Board of Supervisors, subject to the approval of the Board.

H. C. HIBBEN,
Clerk of Board of Supervisors.

NOTICE.

Messrs. C. A. Neal and L. H. Dawley having purchased THE WILLIAMS NEWS, the patronage, location and good will of the same, all business for the paper in the future will be by them. All accounts now due the NEWS, with the exception of subscription accounts, will be paid to George U. Young. All due and past due subscription accounts are to be paid Messrs. C. A. Neal and L. H. Dawley. All accounts against the NEWS to date will be settled by George U. Young.

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